

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 73, line 19 to page 74, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For the control tank, a tank was prepared with the same procedure as described above, except that the cutting faces of the openings provided in the tank body were ~~not~~ covered with aluminum adhesive tape. This control tank was also put into an explosion-proof thermo-hygrostat chamber (40°C and 65% RH), and after three months, the weight loss (w) was measured (n = 5). The amount of fuel permeating through the outer layer made of the thermoplastic resin (B) located on the outside with respect to the barrier layer can be calculated by the following equation:

$$\text{fuel permeation amount (g/3 months)} = W - w$$